GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF AFZALKHAN MEMORIAL TRUST
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of activities of Afzalkhan Memorial Trust at the foothill of Pratapgarh Fort in Satara district of Maharashtra;

(b) whether the said Trust has obtained due permission from the Archaeological department for indulging in such activities;

(c) whether the Government approves the Trust`s activities of eulogising Afzalkhan and denigrating image of Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to stop such activities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes Sir. Government is aware of the activities of Afzalkhan Memorial Trust at Pratapgarh. The said Trust was operating a Dharmsala (sanatorium) which is now taken over by Forest Department of the State Govt. of Maharashtra.

(b) The Trust is not under the control of Archaeological Department.

(c) & (d) No such activity is ever reported.